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### NAVAL HOSPITAL TWENTYNINE PALMS INSTRUCTION 6010.5

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Subj: MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

Ref: (a) Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, JCAHO,  
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Encl: (1) Medical Abbreviation List  
(2) Medical Symbols

1. Purpose. To establish the policy and procedures for the use of abbreviations in medical treatment records at this Command.

2. Policy. Pursuant to reference (a), the abbreviations and symbols authorized by this instruction and internationally accepted symbols for elements, letters of the Greek alphabet, and the metric system may be used in medical records at this Command. Each of the abbreviations and symbols will have only the meanings listed in enclosures (1) and (2).

#### 3. Action

a. All personnel involved with the use of medical treatment records shall familiarize themselves with enclosures (1) and (2) and use only the abbreviations contained herein.

b. Personnel desiring to submit changes to enclosures (1) and (2) shall submit them in writing to the Commanding Officer via the Chairman, Utilization Review Committee.

c. The Medical Records Administrator shall:

(1) Ensure the medical treatment records are monitored for compliance with this directive and any discrepancies noted are returned to the appropriate department head for correction.

(2) Ensure that enclosures (1) and (2) are reviewed and updated on an annual basis and presented to the Commanding Officer via the Chairman, Utilization Review Committee.

(3) The Chairman, Utilization Review Committee shall ensure that the annual revision and any other proposed changes

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are reviewed by the Utilization Review Committee and forward those considered appropriate to the Commanding Officer for final approval.

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List A

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

A

A	aborta
A:	assessment
A2	second aortic sound
AAFP	amniotic alpha feto protein
AAS	acute abdominal series
AB	abortion
ABBR	abbreviation
ABD	abdomen
ABG	arterial blood gas
ABN	abnormal
ABO	blood groups
a.c.	abdominal circumference
AC	before meals
ACID PHOS	acid phosphatase
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
ACLS	advance cardiac life support
ACT	activity
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AD	right ear
AD LIB	as desired
ADA	American Dental Association
Add	adduction
ADD	attention deficit disorder
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADM	admission
ADMIN	administration
ADX	adnexa
AF	atrial fibrillation
AFI	amniotic fluid index
AFlutter	atrial flutter
Ag	silver
A/G	albumin-globulin ratio
AGA	appropriate for gestational age
AgNO <sub>3</sub>	silver nitrate
AI	aortic insufficiency
AIDS	acquired immuno deficiency syndrome
AK	above knee
AKA	above knee amputation
ALB	albumin
ALK	alkaline phosphatase
AMA	against medical advice
AM	morning
AMB	ambulatory
AMNIO	amniocentesis

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

AMT	amount
ANA	anticuclear antibodies
ANAT	anatomical
ANESTH	anesthesia
ANT	anterior
ANTE	before
A&O	alert & oriented
AOW	admitted on ward
AP	anterior-posterior
APD	anterior posterior diameter
A&P	andterior & posterior
APP	appendix
APPY	appendectomy
APPT	appointment
ARD	acute respiratory disease
ARF	acute respiratory failure
ARM	age related maculopathy
AROM	artificial rupture of membranes
AS	left ear
A.S.	aortic stenosis
ASA	acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASMI	Anterioseptal Myocardial Infarction
ASST	assistant
ASVD	arteriosclerotic vascular disease
ASx	Asymptomatic
ATLS	advanced trauma life support
ATN	acute tubular necrosis
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
AU	both ears
AUDIO	audiogram
AUG	augment
AV	arteriovenous
A/V	artery to vein ratio
AVCD	atrioventricular conduction defect
AVG	average
A&W	alive and well
AWMI	Anterior Wall Myocardial Infarction

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

B

BACT	bacterium
BaE	barium enema
BBB	bundle branch block
BBS	Bilateral Breath Sounds
BBT	basal body temperature
BC	birth control
BCP	birth control pill
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerin
BDR	background diabetic retinopathy
BE	below elbow
BG	blood glucose
BID	twice a day
BILAT	bilateral
BILI	bilirubin
BIO	binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy
BK	below knee
BLS	basic life support
BM	bowel movement
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BOM	bilateral otitis media
BOW	bag of water
BP	blood pressure
BPC	blood pressure cuff
BPD	biparietal diameter
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPM	beats per minute
BPP	biophysical profile
BREECH	breech presentation
Br	Breed
BRB	Bright Red Blood
BRP	bathroom privileges
BS	blood sugar or bowel sounds
BSA	body surface area
BSE	breast self examination
BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BSOM	bilateral serous otitis media
BTM	breakthrough bleeding
BTBV	beat to beat variability
BTF	bilateral tubal fulguration
BTL	bilateral tubal ligation
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BV	blood vessel
BVA	bent visual activity
BW	birth weight
BX	biopsy

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LISTC

C	centigrade
c	capillary
CA	cancer
Ca	calcium
CABG	coronary artery by-pass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CAL	calorie
CAP	capsule
CAT	computerized axial tomography
CATH	catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CBD	common bile duct
CC	chief complaint
cc	cubic centimeter
CCU	coronary care unit
CD	cardia disease
C/D	cup to disc ratio
CEA	carcino-embryonic antigen
centi	hundred
CEPH FLOC	cephalin flocculation
CERT	certified
CF	cystic fibrosis
C&F	cells and flare
CG	chorionic gonadotropin
CHD	congenital heart disease
CH Dys	congenital hip dysplasia
CHF	congestive heart failure
CHO	carbohydrate
CHOL	cholesterol
CI	cephalic index
CIN	cervical intra-epithelial neoplasia
CIRC	circumcision
CIS	carcinoma in situ
Cl	chloride
CL	clear
CLIN	clinical
CLE	Continuous Lumbar Epidural
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
cm	centimeter
CMG	cystometrogram
CNS	central nervous system
CO	Commanding Officer
co	caria output
CO2	carbon dioxide

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

C/O	complains of
COAG	coagulation
COMP	compound
COMP FIX	complement fixation
COMP FX	compound fracture
COMPL	complication
CONC	concentration
COND	condition
CONJ	conjunctiva
CONT	continue
CONTRIB	contributory
CONV	convalescent
COOP	cooperative
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COR	heart
CP	cerebral palsy
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPM	counts per minute
CPPB	continuous positive pressure breathing
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CREAT	creatinine
CRF	chronic renal failure
CRL	crown rump length
CRYSTAL	crystal
CS	cesarean section
C&S	culture and sensitivity
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
C-SPINE	cervical spine
CSR	central serous retinopathy
CST	contraction stress test
CV	cardiovascular
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CVP	central venous pressure
C/W	consistent with
CWD	consistent with dates
CX	cervix
CXR	chest x-ray
CYL	cylinder
CYSTO	cystoscopy

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LISTD

D	days/dose
db	decibel
DC	discontinue
DC'd	discharged
D&C	dilatation and curettage
DEA	dehydroepiandrosterone
DEC	deceased
deca	ten
deci	a tenth
DECUB	lying down (decubitus)
DEL	delivery
DEP	dependents
DERM	dermatology
DES	diethyl stilbestrol
DETOX	detoxification
DIAG	diagnosis
DIAM	diameter
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
DIFF	differential
DIG	digitalis
DFA	Director for Administration
DIP	distal interphalangeal
DIS	disease
DISP	dispense
DIST	distill
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DL	direct laryngoscopy
DM	diabetes mellitus
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DNS	Director, Nursing Service
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOD	date of delivery
DOE	dyspnea on exertion
DOS	day of surgery
DPN	diphosphopyridine nucleotide
DPL	Diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage
DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus
D5RL	5% dextrose in Ringer's Lactate
DSD	dry sterile dressing
DSS	Director, Surgical Services
DSLR	Lactated Ringer's 5% dextrose and water
DT	delirium tremens; or diphtheria tetanus
DTC	d-tubocurarine

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DTR	deep tendon reflex
DU	diagnosis undetermined
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DUOD	duodenum
DVO	distance vision only
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
D/W	dextrose in water
D5W	5% dextrose in water
DX	diagnosis
DXLS	diagnostic laparoscopy

E

EA	each
EBL	estimated blood loss
ECC	endocervical curettage
ECG	electrocardiogram
Echo	echogram
ECCE	extra capsular cataract extraction
ECRB	extensor carpi radialis brevis
ECRL	extensor carpi longus
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
ECU	extensor carpi ulnaris
ECV	extracellular volume
EDC	estimated date of confinement
EDD	estimated due date
EEG	electroencephalogram
EENT	eye, ear, nose, and throat
EFA	estimated fetal age
EFF	effaced
EFM	electronic fetal monitoring
EFW	estimated fetal weight
EGA	estimated gestational age
EKC	Epidemic kerato-conjunctivitis
EKG/ECG	electrocardiogram
ELECT	elective
ELIX	elixir
ELF	elective low forceps
EMERG	emergency
EMG	electromyogram
EMUL	emulsion
ENT	ear, nose, and throat
EOM	extra ocular movements
EOS	eosinophiles
EP	evoked potential
EPI	epinephrine
EPIS	episiotomy

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ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiographic pancreatography
ERV	expiratory reserve volume
ES	esophageal stethoscope
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
EST	estimate
etc.	etcetera
ET	endotracheal tube
ETIOL	etiology
ETOH	alcohol
EUA	Examination under Anesthesia
EVAL	evaluation
EXAM	examination
EXC	excision
EXHIB	exhibits
EX LAP	exploratory laparotomy
EXP	expired
EXT	external
EXTREM	extremities

F

FB	foreign body
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FC	fetal count
FCR	flexor carpi radialis
FCU	flexor carpi ulnaris
Fe	iron
FEF	forced expiratory flow
FEV%	forced expiratory volume in precent
FEV1	forced expiratory volume in one (1)
second	
FH	family history
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHT	fetal heart tone
FIB	fibrillation
FIG	figure
FILT	filter
FIO2	Fractional Inspired O2 Content
FIST	fistula
FL	fluid
FLUORO	fluoroscopy
FM	fetal monitor
FPD	feto pelvis disproportion
Fr	french (catheter gauge)
FRACT	fractional
FRC	functional residual capacity

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

FROM	full range of motion
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone
FSHRF	follicle-stimulating hormone releasing factor
F/U	follow up
FUO	fever of unknown origin
FVC	forced vital capacity
FX	fracture
FS	frozen section
FSE	fetal scalp electrode

G

G	gravida
GA	gestational age
GASA	growth adjusted sonographic age
GB	gallbladder
GBSD	group B streptococcal disease
GEN	general
GENIT	genitalia
GFM	good fetal movement
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
CG	gamma globulin
GH	growth hormone
GHM	general health maintenance
GHRF	growth hormone releasing factor
GI	gastrointestinal
GLOB	globulin
GLUC	glucose
gm	gram
GMW	gram molecular weight
GPC	giant papillary conjunctivitis
G6PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
gr	grains
GS	gestational sac
GSW	gun shot wound
gtt	drops
GTT	glucose tolerance test
GU	genitourinary
GYN	gynecology

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LISTH

HA	headache
HAA	hepatitis associated antigen
HAI	hemagglutination inhibition
HALO	halothane
HB	heart block
HBSAg	hepatitis B surface antigen
HBP	high blood pressure
HBV	hepatitis B virus
HC	head circumference
HCG	human chorionic gonadotrophin
HCL	hydrochloric acide
HCT	hematocrit
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat
HEP	hepatitis
HF	heart failure
Hg	mercury
HGB	hemoglobin
HGG	human gamma globulin
HGH	human growth hormone
H/H	hiatal hernia
H&H	hematocrit and hemoglobin
H&L	heart and lungs
HMD	hyaline membrane disease
HMG	human menopausal gonadotrophin
H&N	head and neck
HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
HOSP	hosp
H&P	history and physical
HPF	high power field
HPG	human pituitary gonadotrophin
HPI	history of present illness
HPL	human placental lactogen
HR	heart rate
HROB	High Risk OB
HS	on retiring (hour of sleep)
HSA	human serum albumin
HSG	hysterosalpingogram
HSK	herpes simplex keratitis
HSV	herpes simplex virus
HT	height
HTN	hypertension

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

HVD                   hypertensive vascular disease  
HX                   history  
HYS                  hysterectomy  
HZO                  herpes zoster ophthalmicus

I

I                     iodine  
IA                   intraarterial  
IAC                  internal auditory canal  
IASD                interatrial septal defect  
IB                   inclusion body  
IC                   intracostal  
ICU                  intensive care unit  
i.e.                that is  
ICF                  intracellular fluid  
ICCE                intercapsular cataract extraction  
ICS                  intercostal space  
ID                   intradermal  
I&D                incision and drainage  
IDDM                Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus  
IG                   immunoglobulin  
IgA                  immunoglobulin A  
IgD                  immunoglobulin D  
IgE                  immunoglobulin E  
IgG                  immunoglobulin G  
IgM                  immunoglobulin M  
IHD                  Ischemic Heart Disease  
IM                   intramuscular  
IMMOB               immobilize  
IMP                  impression  
INCR                increase  
IND                  independent  
INF                  inferior  
INFEX               infection  
INF MONO           infectious mononucleosis  
INFO                information  
ING                  inguinal  
Inj                  injury  
INJ                  injection  
INOC                inoculate  
INT                  internal  
I&O                intake and output  
IOL                  intraocular lens

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IOP	intraocular pressure
IP	interphalangeal
IPD	interpupillary distance
IPP	intermittent positive pressure
IPPA	inspection, percussion, palpation, auscultation
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IQ	intelligence quotient
IRBBB	incomplete right bundle branch block
IRR	irradiation
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura
IU	international unit
IUD	intrauterine device
IUGR	intrauterine growth retardation
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IUPC	intrauterine pressure catheter
IV	intravenous
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVCD	intraventricular conduction defect
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVPB	intravenous piggy back
IVSD	intraventricular septal defect
IWMI	Inferior Wall Myocardial Infarction

J

JEJ	jejunum
JODM	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus

K

K	potassium
KCl	potassium chloride
KCS	kerato conjenctivitis sicca (dry eye syndrome)
Kg	kilogram
KP	keratic precipitate
KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder
KV	kilovolt
KVO	keep vein open

L

LAB	laboratory
L&A	light and accommodation
L&D	labor and delivery

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

LAC	laceration
LAH	left atrial hypertrophy
LAP	laparotomy
LAT	lateral
lb	pound
LBB	left bundle branch
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LBP	low back pain
LBW	low birth weight
LCL	lateral collateral ligament
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LE	late entry
LEE	last eye exam
LF	low forceps
LFT	liver function test
LG	large
LH	luteinizing hormone
LHRF	luteinizing
LIDO	lidocaine
LIH	left inguinal hernia
LIG	ligament
LIO	left inferior oblique
LIQ	liquid
LIR	left inferior rectus
LLC	long leg cast
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LLWC	long leg walking cast
LMP	last menstrual period
LMR	left medial rectus
LMT	lateral meniscal tear
LMW	low molecular weight
LMWD	low molecular weight dextran
LN	lymph node
LNMP	last normal menstrual period
LOA	left occipitoanterior
LOC	loss of consciousness
LOM	limitation of motion
LP	lumbar puncture
LDF	low power field
LR	Lactated Ringer's Solution
LRF	luteinizing hormone-releasing factor
LRH	luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone
LRQ	lower right quadrant

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

LRT	lower respiratory tract
LS	lumbosacral
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
LSK	liver, spleen, kidney
LSO	left superior oblique
LSTL	laparoscopic tubal ligation
L-spine	lumbar spine
LT	low transverse
LTV	long term variable or variability
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricle
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
LYMPH	lymphocyte
LYTES	electrolytes

M

M	male
m	minim
MABP	mean arterial blood pressure
MAC	minimum alveolar concentration
macro	large size
MAND	mandible
MANIP	manipulate
MOA	monamine oxidase
MAP	mean arterial pressure
MAT	multifocal arterial tachccardia
MAX	maximum
MBC	maximum breathing capacity
MBP	mean blood pressure
MC	medical corps
(mcg) Meg	microgram
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCP	metacarpal phalangeal
MD	medical doctor
MED	medical/minimum effective dose
MEDS	medications
MEF	maximum expiratory flow
MEFR	maximal expiratory flow rate
mega	one million
megalo	large size

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

mEq	milliequivalent
MF	mid forceps
Mg	magnesium
MH	menstrual history
mmHg	millimeters of mercury
MI	myocardial infarction
micro	one millionth
MID	midline
MIFR	maximal inspiratory flow rate
milli	one thousandth
MIN	minimal
MIP	maximum inspiratory pressure
MIXT	mixture
ML	middle lobe
ml	milliliter
MLD	minimum lethal dose
MLE	midline episiotomy
MM	mucuous membrane
mm	millimeter
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MMT	medial meniscal tear
mmt	manual muscle test
MOD	moderate
MOL WT	molecular weight
MOM	Milk of Magnesia
MONO	mononucleosis
MNCV	motor nerve conduction velocity
MP	menstrual period
MPAP	mean pulmonary arterial pressure
MR	mitral regurgitation
mr	milliroentgen
MS	morphine sulfate
M.S.	multiple sclerosis
MS AFP	maternal serum alpha fetoprotein
MSC	medical service corps
MSL	midsternal line
MgSO4	magnesium sulfate
MT	metatarsal
MTP	metatarsal phalangeal
MTX	methotrexate
mU	milliunit
MUP	motor unit potential
MULTIP	multipara
MV	mitral valve
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
MVV	maximum voluntary ventilation

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

mw	microwave
MZ	monozygotic
<u>N</u>	
N	normal
N/A	not applicable
Na	sodium
NaCl	Sodium Chloride
NAD	no acute distress
N/AD	Navy Active Duty
NALS	neonatal advanced life support
NB	newborn
NC	no change; or Nurse Corps
NCFPT	no change from previous tracing
NCV	nerve conduction velocity
N/C	no complaints
NCT	non-contact tonometry
NEG	negative
NEURO	neurologic
NG	nasogastric
Nil	nothing
NIS	not in stock
NCIS	Naval Criminal Investigative Service
NIT	nitrazine
NK	not known
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NLP	no light perception
NM	neuromuscular
NMP	normal menstrual period
No	number
N2O	nitrous oxide
NOB	new obstetric (patient)
NP	neuropsychiatric
NPC	near point of convergence
NPO	nothing by mouth
NR	nonreactive
NRBS	non rebreathing system
NS	nervous system
N/S	normal saline
NSA	no significant abnormalities
NSG	nursing
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NSS	normal size and shape
NSSC	normal size, shape, and consistency
NSSTTC	non specific ST and T wave changes
NST	non stress test
NSU	nonspecific urethritis

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NT	nasotracheal
NTG	nitroglycerin
Ntp	normal temperature pressure
NTP	nitro transdermal patch
NULLTIP	nullipara
N&V	nausea and vomiting
NVO	near vision only
NWB	no weight bearing

O

O:	objective findings
O2	oxygen
OA	occiput anterior
OB	onstetrical
OBL	oblique
OBS	Organic Brain Syndrome
OC	oral contraceptive
OCC	occasional
OCCL	occlusion
OCG	oral cholecystogram
OCT	oxytocin challenge test
OD	right eye
OFD	occipital frontal diameter
OGTT	oral glucose tolerance test
OINT	ointment
OM	otitis media
ONH	optic nerve head
OOB	out of bed
OOP	out of plaster
OP	operation or occiput posterior
O&P	ova and parasites
OPD	Outpatient Department
OPHTH	ophthalmology
OPS	Outpatient Services
OPV	oral polio vaccine
OR	operating room
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
O.S.	month
OS	left eye
O2MT	oxygen monitor
OT	occupational therapy
ot	occiput transverse
OTC	over the counter

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

OU	both eyes
O/W	otherwise
OZ	ounce

P

P:	plan
P	para
P	pulse
P.a.	postanesthetic
pa	postero-anterior
PA	Physician's Assistant
PABA	para-aminobenzoic acid
P&A	percussion and auscultation
PAC	premature atrial contractions
PACU	post anesthesia care unit
PALP	palpable
PALS	pediatric advanced life support
PAP	papanicolou (stain, smear, test)
PARA	number of pregnancies
PAS	para-aminosalicylic acid
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PATH	pathology
PBA	pudendal block anesthesia
PC	after meals
P/C	posterior chamber
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament
PCN	penicillin
PCOD	polycystic ovarian disease
PCO2	partial pressure of carbon dioxide
PCV	packed cell volume
PD	pupillary distance
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PE	physical examination
PEB	physical evaluation board
PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
PEN	penicillin
PENT	pentothal
PERI	perineal
PERLA	pupils equal, react to light, and accommodation
P-F	patella-femoral
PFT	pulmonary function test
PG	pregnant
PH	past history
PHARM	pharmacy

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PHONCON	phone conversation
PI	present illness
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIP	proximal interphalangeal
PIT	pitocin
PKU	phenylketonuria
PLAC	placenta
PLTS	platelets
PM	night
PHM	past medical history
PMI	point of maximal impulse
PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
PMP	previous menstrual period
PN	prenatal
PNC's	premature nodal contractions
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PNH	paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
PNS	peripheral nerve stimulator
PO	by mouth
PO2	partial pressure of oxygen
POD	postoperative day
POLIO	Poliomyelitis
POLY (Repeat PMN ?)	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
POS	positive
POSS	possible
POST	posterior
PP	post partum
PP	post prandial)
PPB	positive pressure breathing
PPBS	postprandial blood sugar
PPD	purified protein derivative
PPM	parts per million
PPT	precipitate
p.r.	per rectum
PRBC's	packed red blood cells
PREM	premature
PREOP	preoperative
PREP	preparation
PRIMIP	women bearing first child (primary pregnancy)
PRN	as necessary
PROB	problem
PROG	prognosis
PROM	premature rupture of membranes
PROX	proximal
PRT	Physical Readiness Test

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MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

PSY	psychiatry
PSW	positive sharp wave
PSYCH	psychology
Pt.	patient
PT	prothrombin time/physical therapy
PTA	prior to admission
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PUD	pregnancy, uterine delivered
P.U.D.	peptic ulcer disease
PULM	pulmonary
PUND	pregnancy, uterine, not delivered
PV	plasma volume
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
PWB	partial weight bearing
Px	prognosis

Q

q	every
QA	Quality Assurance
qd	every day
qh	every hour
QID	four times a day
QN	every night
QNS	quantity not sufficient
QOD	every other day
QRS	ventricular complex (electrocardiogram)
QS	quantity sufficient
qt	quart
QUAL	qualitative
QUAT	quantitative
QUIN	quinidine
q(1,2,3,4)h	every (1,2,3,4) hours(s)

R

RA	rheumatoid arthritis
RAD	reactive airway disease
RAH	right atrial hypertrophy
RAI	radioactive iodine
RAO	right anterior oblique
RBB	right bundle branch
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood cell
RBCM	red blood cell mass

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RBCV	red blood cell volume
RBF	renal blood flow
RCV	red cell volume
RD	retinal detachment
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
RE	regarding
REC	recommend
RECT	rectal
REF	refer
REG	regular
REHAB	rehabilitation
REM	rapid eye movement
RESP	respiratory; respiration
R/T	return
RETIC	reticulocyte
RF	rheumatic fever
Rh	Rhesus (factor)
RHD	rheumatic heart disease
RI	refractive index
RIH	right inguinal hernia
RIO	right inferior oblique
RIR	right inferior rectus
RIU	radioactive iodine uptake
RL	right leg
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RLR	right lateral rectus
RM	ruptured membranes
R&M	routine & microscopic
RML	right middle lobe
RMR	right medial rectus
RMSF	rocky mountain spotted fever
RN	registered nurse
RNA	ribonucleic acid
R/O	rule out
ROA	right occipitoanterior
ROB	return obstetric (patient)
ROM	range of motion
ROP	right occipitoposterior
RP	retinitis pigmentosa
RR	recovery room
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RSR	regular sinus rhythm
RTC	return to clinic
RTN	return

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RTW	return to ward
RUE	right upper extremity
RUG	retrograde urethrogram
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RUL	right upper lobe
RV	rectovaginal
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
RX	treatment
Rx	prescription

S

S:	subjective
S/A	sugar/acetone
SAA	same as above
SAB	subarachnoid block/spinal anesthesia
block	
SAC	short arm cast
SAH	sub arachnoid
	hemorrhage
SBA	saddle block anesthesia
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SBO	small bowel obstruction
s.q.	subcutaneous
SCCA	semiclosed circle absorber system
SCCCA	squamous cell carcinonei of cervix
SCHED	schedule
SCHIZ	schizophrenia
SCOP	scopolamine
SD	spontaneous delivery
S>D	size greater than dates
S<D	size less than dates
SEC	second
SED	sedimentation
SEG	segmented (leukocyte)
SEI	sub-epithelial infiltrates
SEMI	Subendocardial Myocardial Infarction
SEQ	sequela
SEV	severe
SF	spinal fluid
SGA	small for gestational age
SGOT	serum glutamic oxalic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SH	social history
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
SIG	significant

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST

Sig:	directions on Rx
SIL	squamous intraepithelial lesion
SIMUL	at the same time
SIQ	sick in quarters
SL	serious list
SLE	slit lamp exam
SLR	straight leg raising
SLWC	short leg walking cast
SM	small
SNCV	sensory nerve conduction velocity
SO	salpingo-oophorectomy
SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment plan
SOB	shortness of breath
SOC	social
SOLN	solution
SOLV	solvent
SOM	serious otitis media
SP	suprapubic
S/P	status post
sp.gr.	specific gravity
SPEC	specimen
SPK	superficial punctate keratitis
SPONT	spontaneous
SR	sinus rhythm
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
ss	one half
SSE	soap suds edema
SSKI	saturated solution of potassium iodine
ST	sore throat
STAPH	staphylococcus
STAT	immediately
STD	sexually transmitted disease
STP	sodium thiopental
STREP	streptococcus
STS	serologic test for syphilis
sts	soft tissue swelling
STSG	spilt thickness skin graft
STV	short term variability
SUB	subsist
SUI	stress urinary incontinence
SUP	superior
SUPP	suppository
SURG	surgery
SUX	succinylcholine
SV	severe
SVC	superior vena cava

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SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVE	sterile vaginal exam
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
SYM	symmetrical
SX	symptoms
SYR	syrup

T

T	temperature
T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TAB	tablet
T.A.D	temporary additional duty
TAD (duplicate?)	transverse abdominal diameter
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TAT	tetanus antitoxin
TB	tuberculosis
tbsp	tablespoonful
TBV	total
TC	throat culture
T&C	type and crossmatch
TCN	tetracycline
TELCON	telephone conversation
TEMP	temperature
TENAC	tenaculum
TETTOX	tetanus toxoid
TF	to follow
THEP	therapy
TIA	transient ischemic attacks
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
TID	three times a day
TISS	tissue
TL	tubal ligation
TLC	total lung capacity
TM	tympamic membrane
TMJ	temporomandibular joint
TNTC	too numerous to count
TO	telephone order
TOA	tubo ovarian abscess
TOL	tolerate
TOT	total
TOW	transfer off ward
TP	total protein
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
tran	transfusion
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone

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tsp	teaspoonful
T-SPINE	thoracic spine
TT	tourniquet time
T&T	through and through
TTNB	transient tachypnea newborn
TPP	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
TUR	transurethral resection
TURP	transurethral resection of the prostate
TV	tidal volume
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
TWG	total weight gain
TX	traction
Tx	transfusion
TYL	Tylenol

U

U	unit
UA	urinalysis
UC	uterine contractions
UCG	urinary chronic gonadotrophin
UCDH	usual childhood disease
UE	upper extremity
UG	urogenital
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
UL	upper lobe
U&L	upper and lower
ULNS	upper limits normal size
ULTRA	ultrasound
UMB	umbilicus
UN	urea nitrogen
uni	one
UNK	unknown
UO	ureteral orifice
UP	uretero pelvic
UPJ	uretero pelvic junction
URC	Utilization Review Coordinator
URI	upper respiratory infection
USMC/AD	United States Marine Corps/Active Duty
UT	uterus
UTI	urinary tract infection
UV	umbilical vein/ultra violet
UVJ	ureterovesical junction

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V

V	vetilation
VA	visual acuity
VAC	vacant beds
VAG	vagina
VAG HYS	vaginal hysterectomy
VAMP	vincristine, amethopterin, 6-mercaptopurine, and prednisone variation
VASC	vascular
VBAC	vaginal birth after cesarean
VC	vital capacity
VCG	vectorcardiogram
VCU	voiding cystourethrogram
VD	veneral disease
VDRL	Veneral Disease Research Laboratories
VENT	ventricle
VESIC	vesicle
VF	visual field
VFib	ventricular fibrillation
VHD	valvular heart disease
VIT	vitamin
VO	verbal order
VOD	vision right eye
VOL	volume
VOS	vision left eye
VOU	vision both eyes
V&P	vagotomy and pyloroplasty
VS	vital signs
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VSL	very serious list
VTach	ventricular tachycardia
VTX	vertex
V&V	vulva and vagina

W

WB	weight bearing
WBC	white blood count
W/C	wheel chair
WDWN	well developed, well nourished
WF	white female
wk	week
wks	weeks
WM	white male

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WMO	Ward Medical Officer
WN	well nourished
wnl	within normal limits
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White (syndrome)
Wt	weight
W/U	work up

X

X	end of operation
XIP	x-ray in plaster
XM	crossmatch
XO	Executive Officer
XOP	x-ray out of plaster
XS	excess
Xyl	xylocaine

Y

Yr	year
y/o	year old

**MEDICAL SYMBOLS**

@	at
(L)	left
(R)	right
(S) (O)	start or end of operation
(Ø)	assisted respiration
(X)	controlled respiration
(V)	controlled ventilation
(♂)	male
(♀)	female
(P)	after
(B)	before
(C)	with
(W)	without
(X)	except
(?)	question of
(~)	approximate
(↓)	deceased, down
(↑)	increased, elevated
(→)	causes
(✓)	systolic blood pressure
(✗)	diastolic blood pressure
#	guage; number; pounds
(A)	temperature
2nd	second

Enclosure (2)

MEDICAL SYMBOLS

2°	secondary to
▽	change
3rd	third
4th	fourth (etc.)
2X	twice
1X	once
o	degree
'	foot; minute
"	inch; second
/	per
:	ratio
+	positive
-	negative
∝	is proportional to
=	equals
≠	does not equal
>	greater than
<	less than
μ	micron; micro
o	none
&	and
↖	direct arterial systolic blood pressure
↙	direct arterial diastolic blood pressure

MEDICAL SYMBOLS



death

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born; birth